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For:  $\beta$ -CHITIN COMPLEX AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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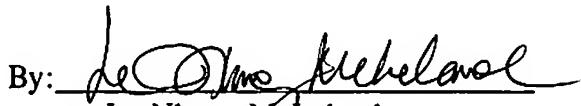
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2007, setting forth a restriction in this application, Applicants hereby elect Group I, consisting of claims 1-7, drawn to a  $\beta$ -chitin complex. This election is made without traverse.

In the event this response is not considered to be filed timely, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the time for response. The fee for such petition for extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 502081.

Respectfully submitted,

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